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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on January 6, 2017 at 2:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Daniel R. Salomon, Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Mary Moe (D)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary
Padraic McCracken, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 5, 12/30/2016; SB 6, 12/30/2016; SB 14, 12/30/2016

Executive Action: SB 5 Do Pass as Amended; SB 6 Do Pass

00:00:20 Sen. Jones left the hearing.

HEARING ON SB 6

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:33 Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R), SD 7, opened the hearing on SB 6, Remove redundant language from tribal college reimbursement statute.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:44 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:04:09 Chuck Jensen, deputy commissioner for Administration and Finance, Office of Commissioner of Higher Education

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:04:33 Sen. Regier

00:04:54 Sen. Fielder

00:05:29 Sen. Moe

Closing by Sponsor:

00:06:16 Sen. Fielder

HEARING ON SB 14

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:07:26 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 14, Expand eligibility for Indian language immersion program funding.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:58 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:12:26 Kara Sperle, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:50 Sen. Regier
00:13:50 Ms. Sperle, OPI
00:13:55 Sen. McClafferty
00:14:15 Rep. Windy Boy
00:15:34 Chair Salomon
00:17:16 Ms. Sperle
00:17:31 Sen. Facey
00:17:50 Rep. Windy Boy

Closing by Sponsor:

00:19:20 Sen. Cohenour

HEARING ON SB 5

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:20:56 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 5, Revise INTERCAP loan program.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:12 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association
[EXHIBIT\(eds05a01\)](#)

00:30:17 Denise Williams, director, Montana Association of School Business Officials
[EXHIBIT\(eds05a02\)](#)

00:31:14 Dennis Parman, executive director, Montana Rural Education Association
00:32:38 Pat Audet, associate director, School Administrators of Montana
00:33:35 Dianne Burke, executive director, Montana Quality Education Coalition
00:34:08 Roger Hagan, Northeast Rural School Group

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:10 Sen. Facey
00:35:47 Chair Salomon
00:36:39 Brief Recess
00:45:38 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 6

00:46:02 Chair Salomon

Motion/Vote: Sen. Facey moved that **SB 6 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. L. Jones voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 5

00:47:08 Chair Salomon

00:47:19 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 5 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:47:39 Sen Facey
[EXHIBIT\(eds05a03\)](#)

00:48:58 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 5 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. L. Jones voted by proxy.

00:49:24 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 5 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

00:49:36 Sen. Regier
00:49:59 Sen. Facey

00:50:46 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. L. Jones voted by proxy.

00:52:07 Chair Salomon

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:00 PM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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EXHIBIT([eds05aad.pdf](#))